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KRS water level dips to 82 feet

No problem for drinking water yet

Water level for the past six years on this date June 12	
2015	76.67 ft.
2016	76.56 ft.
2017	67.73 ft.
2018	77.25 ft.
2019	80.62 ft.
2020	92.30 ft.
2021	82.54 ft.

A view of receding water level at KRS Dam in Mandya district this morning. [Pic. by Vinay Karekura]

Srirangapatna, June 12 (Vinay Karekura & BCT)- Water level at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya has plummeted to 82.54 ft. this morning.

The usable or potable water level is just 10 ft. now and unless rainwater starts flowing from the catchment areas of Kodagu, water cannot be released from the Dam at present for irrigation activities.

The existing 10 ft. water will be used only for drinking water purposes to fulfil the needs of Mysuru and Bengaluru.

The maximum water level at KRS is 124.8 feet and the dead storage level is 74.76 feet. Water is unfit for drinking purposes once the level reaches the dead storage. Apart from people of Mysuru and Bengaluru, 47 towns and 625 villages depend on Cauvery water from KRS for their daily needs.

While the monsoon has entered the Kerala coast, it is expected to enter Kodagu only in the next 10 to 15 days and the monsoon will pick up pace in Kodagu only after June 27.

The water that is presently stored in the KRS Dam is that of last year when it rained in Kodagu during August-September last year.

Today's inflow to the Dam is just 759 cusecs and once the monsoon picks up in the catchment areas, the inflow crosses over one lakh cusecs, dramatically pushing up the water level in the Dam and also increases the outflow to the river downstream and also canals.

(See KRS on page 7)

UoM fake answer sheet racket case

CCB takes over probe

Ashwathnarayan

Mysuru, June 12 (RK&DM)- A day after a case was registered at Mandi Police Station following the busting of University of Mysore's (UoM) fake answer sheet racket, the CCB (City Crime Branch) ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan has taken over conduct of investigation.

Mandi Police Inspector Narayanaswamy, who has now been suspended and a few staff of Mandi Police Station, have been booked in the case along with other culprits.

A CCB team, comprising Inspectors R. Jagadish and H.R. Vivekananda and other staff, has been formed to conduct the investigation, which will be undertaken as per details of the complaint lodged by complainant Somasundar, Joint Secretary of Karnataka Rashtra Samiti Paksha. Somasundar, in his complaint to the City Police Commissioner, had alleged that some culprits were engaged in preparing fake answer scripts of B.Sc Chemistry question paper (2020-21) of Mysore University at a lodge on B.N. Road on April 21, after the exams were conducted by UoM on Apr.15 and 17. The complaint said that the culprits used to replace the prepared answer scripts with the original ones, in order to help the students get high marks.

(See CCB on page 7)

Minister Warns

Private Schools against stopping online classes for non-payment of fees

Suresh Kumar

Bengaluru, June 12 (UNI)- Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S. Suresh Kumar today warned private educational institutions against stopping online classes to students across the State over non-payment of fees.

In a statement here, he said that the Apex Court order on the issue is very clear. If any complaints are received for stopping the online class to students, the Government will take legal action. Parents can file complaints with him or concerned BEOs and action will be initiated against such institutions who stop the online class, he said.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 12th June 2021

IIM-Bangalore ranked Top B-School in India

Bengaluru, June 12 (UNI) - Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM-B) has been ranked as Number One B-School in India for the third consecutive year in Business & Management Studies, according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject.

The QS World University Rankings by Subject considers employer reputation, academic reputation and research impact to rate institutions globally. The Business & Management Studies subject, offered by IIM-Bangalore, has secured high ratings in all three categories, making IIM-B the Best B-School in India, according to a IIM-B release here on Thursday.

Commenting on the achievement, IIM-B Director Professor Rishikesha T. Krishnan said, "This is certainly a huge achievement for IIM-B and I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who made this possible. We have scored well in Academic Reputation and H-Index Citation parameters and this reflects our efforts in ensuring academic excellence in the subject and research capabilities in the domain. I would also like to congratulate all other institutions recognised by QS Ranking."

IIM-B's focus is on providing thought leadership through high-quality research and offering an environment that nurtures innovative global business leaders through holistic and transformative education.

Quacquarelli Symonds has evaluated more than 5,500 Universities covering 80 different locations across the world to rank top 1,000 Universities in 51 disciplines. Positioned in the top 51-100 category, with a global rank of 76, in Business and Management Studies, is not only an achievement, but it also highlights the commitment of IIM-Bangalore to adapt, innovate, and impart quality education, even in these challenging times, Prof. Rishikesha Krishnan added.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Controversy has followed IAS Officer and former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri often, but that should not be a reason to brush her charges under the carpet as they are of a serious nature. According to Sindhuri, the Karnataka High Court had some time ago ruled that some 1,500 acres of land at the foothills of Chamundi Hill, including the famed Lalitha Mahal Palace, belonged to private parties. The Officer had taken it upon herself to recover this land, worth hundreds of crores of rupees, for the Government by engaging the services of Senior Counsel Harish Salve to appear in the Supreme Court on behalf of the State. Sindhuri, who has named a former JD(S) Minister in the land-grab case, has also accused city MLAs of opposing her for her efforts to stop encroachment of several lake beds.

Unfortunately, instead of ordering an inquiry into the charges, Chief Minister Yediyurappa has chosen to transfer Sindhuri and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag out of their postings in Mysuru. That will effectively bury the whole affair. Sometime ago, when two Police Officers sparred over the alleged corruption in the Bengaluru Safe City Project, they too were transferred and no inquiry was launched. The Government is wrong to have adopted the same strategy again in the Mysuru case. The fact that almost all local politicians, save a few, had ganged up against Sindhuri raises suspicion. Unless the Government orders an impartial inquiry and gets to the bottom of the issue, the public may be forced to conclude that the Government does not want the whole truth to come out.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dog gives woodchuck a ride to shore

Massachusetts: A video ofv a Golden Retriever dog giving a ride to a woodchuck in the lake has gone viral.

A woman visiting a Massachusetts lake with her dog captured video when the canine picked up an unexpected passenger in the water - a hitchhiking woodchuck.

Lauren Russell said her 2-year-old golden retriever, Wally, was swimming in Lunenburg's Hickory Hills Lake when he encountered a woodchuck in the water. Russell captured video of Wally swimming back to shore with the woodchuck on his back. She said the canine did not seem to mind having a passenger.

She said Wally gave his new friend a ride all the way back to shore, where the two said their goodbyes.

World's longest eyelash measured at 8 inches

Beijing: A Chinese woman broke her own Guinness World Record when her longest eyelash was measured at a whopping 8 inches long.

You Jianxia, who originally set the record in June 2016, when her longest lash was 4.88 inches long, said doctors are unsure of why her eyelashes grow to be so long.

"I first realized that my eyelashes were growing in 2015. They continue to grow slowly, becoming longer and longer," Jianxia told Guinness World Records. "I did visit medical professionals to find out why my eyelashes are longer than others people's eyelashes. The doctor couldn't explain this, and he felt it was really amazing. None of my family have long eyelashes like me, so it can't be explained," she added

Jianxia's longest lash, located on the upper eyelid of her left eye, was officially measured at 8 inches, setting a new record.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Exercise: Exercise causes your body to release endorphins that elevate your mood making it great way to reduce stress and anxiety and help keep your skin clear. Do not forget to shower post-workout, as sweat might clog pores and results in acne.

Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist

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In a recent study, a semi-vegetarian diet put Crohn's disease in 100% remission the first year, 92% remission the second year. These results far surpass the outcome of any current drug treatment for Crohn's disease, without the drug side-effects.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 10	JUNE 11
Day's Positive Cases	1,011	817
Total Positive Cases	1,55,246	1,56,063
Day's Discharges	738	814
Total Discharges	1,39,042	1,39,856
Day's Deaths	18	20
Total Deaths	1,794	1,814
Total Active Cases	14,410	14,393

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Online yoga lecture series from June 14 to 19

Mysuru, June 12- Marking International Yoga Day, Government Nature Cure and Yoga College, Mysuru, has organised online yoga lecture series from June 14 to June 19 at 5 pm in which subject experts and resource persons will speak about various health-related topics such as improving heart and lung function, combating depression and anxiety and boosting immunity with yoga, etc.

For details, contact Mob: 99860-24382.

REALLY...?

- ***Dentistry is the oldest profession in the world. It goes all way back to when humans first had teeth...well not quite that long. However, one study found evidence of teeth being drilled in skulls that dates from 7,500 to 9,000 years ago. The holes were likely made using a prehistoric bow-drill. Could that be the work of the first dentist? Other biting research conducted by the University of Bologna, Italy on a 14,000-year-old skull found that "one rotten tooth in the jaw had been deliberately scoured and scraped with a tool," according to the BBC. That makes dentistry one of the oldest recorded professions and is definitely a reason to smile.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Sheela's mother told her that her grandmother, aged 92 years, is losing her memory, so Sheela wanted to test that.

Sheela: *Grandma "What is my name?"*

Grandma: *"If you do not know your name, how will I know?"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.22
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.32
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.93
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.66

VOICE OF THE READER

Letting rain water into UGD: Will MCC take any action?

Sir,

I see a lot of discussion nowadays regarding letting rain water into Underground Drainage (UGD). While some of the suggestions are indeed good, the first priority should be given to ensure water from the terrace is not let into UGD. *[Please refer to my letter which was published in 'Star of Mysore' dated Jan.19, 2021 which highlighted the issue of senior citizens facing lot of inconvenience.]*

Lack of storm-water drain (SWD) is an issue across Mysuru but how logical is it to stress the already weak UGD with rain water? Every time it rains heavily, our house is filled with UGD water in the bathrooms and despite several assurances no one has really bothered to fix the root cause of the issue.

The only option for us is to demolish and reconstruct our house which would mean that the water will stop entering our house but will start entering someone else's house. Is that fair?

I want to ask the new MCC Commissioner, is there no fix to this problem? Why is it that most of the rules framed by MCC like plastic ban, flex ban etc., just remain on paper?

—Vivek
on e-mail
Mysuru
11.6.2021

Six-day National Online FDP on 'Empowering Teaching Professionals' at Amrita

Mysuru, June 12- Understanding the need to support the teaching community which is facing stressful times during this pandemic because of unconventional teaching methods, a six-day national online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on wellness 'MANAH PRABODHANAM: Empowering Teaching Professionals' is jointly organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Department of Languages, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus from June 14 to 19.

Swami Sankaraamritananda Puri, Medical Director and Principal, Amrita School of Ayurveda, Amritapuri, will inaugurate the FDP on June 14 at 4 pm. Across six days, there will be various sessions such as: How to Hold your Butterfly Mind with tips from Vedic tradition, Developing a Manual for Wellness through yogic principles, Managing and Directing Mind with the help of ancient Indian literature, Boosting your Concentration and Self Control with Pranayama, practical session on Breathe Right to Stay Healthy, Strengthening the Academia through lessons from ancient scriptures and reinforcing the role of Teachers as Nation Builders, all of which will be conducted by distinguished scholars.

The FDP aims to empower the teaching community with time-proven methods of ancient Indian healing systems and traditions and embolden them from within for the long innings in these current times of stress.

This programme is developed exclusively for all teachers — from pre-primary to post doctorate academicians. It is completely free and ensures participation e-certificates for all registered participants. For registration and details contact Convener Dr. Vigneshwar Bhat (94496-77863) or Co-convener Dr. Srikanta Parida (84382-60205), according to a press release from the Principal, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru.

Online exam for first PU students

Bengaluru, June 12- Days after it had declared that all I PU students would be promoted without exam due to COVID pandemic, the Government in a sudden U-turn on Friday, said that I PU students will be evaluated through an online exam.

The Department of Pre-university Education said that there is a need for admitting students to II PUC and to extend student scholarships, based on the marks secured in the final exam. As such, the Department has now decided to conduct I PU exams through online mode this year.

The Department, in a circular issued yesterday, said that the online exam will have two question papers, with each question paper covering three subjects. The exam papers have been uploaded in the Department website, the link of which has

been sent to the registered mobile number of students.

The students are asked to answer the first question paper by June 20 and the second one between June 26 and July 5 and scan the answers, which they are required to write on their own blank white sheets. The scanned answer scripts must be sent to their college either through WhatsApp, e-mail or Post. The circular further said that each of the two question papers will have questions for 30 marks in every subject, totalling 90 marks. Lecturers of concerned subject are required to evaluate the scanned answer scripts of the first question paper between June 20 - 25 and the second one between July 6 - 10.

After adding the Internal Assessment marks secured by the students, the results will be uploaded using SATS (Student Achievement Tracking System) software.

Dr. Siddalingaiah passes away

Dr. Siddalingaiah

Bengaluru, June 12- Renowned Dalit poet Dr. Siddalingaiah (67) passed away at a private hospital here yesterday following brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son.

Born in Manchanabele in Magadi taluk of now Ramanagara district in 1954, Dr. Siddalingaiah taught Kannada at Bangalore University.

He is credited with initiating the Dalit-Bandaya Movement in Kannada. An English translation of his autobiography 'Ooru-Keri', written in three parts, has been a text in many Universities.

He was a voice of Dalit Rights right from his debut poetry collection 'Hole Maadigara Haadu' in 1975. He has several renowned works to his credit including 'Saaviraru Nadigalu', 'Kappu Kaadina Haadu', 'Meravanige', 'Nanna Janagalu', etc.

Dr. Siddalingaiah was nominated as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) for two terms during 1988-2001. He also served as the Chairman of Kannada Book Authority and Kannada Development Authority. He also chaired the 81st Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held at Shravanabelagola in February 2015.

Among the numerous awards and prizes he has won include Pampa Award, Nrupatunga Award, Rajyotsava Award, Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award, Dr. Ambedkar Award, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Award and Satyakama Pratishtana Award.

His body was kept at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College at Nagarabhavi in Bengaluru this morning for enabling the public to pay their last respects, following which his last rites were conducted at Kalagrama in Jnanabharathi campus this afternoon with State honours, according to sources.

Obituary

K. Abdul Wahab

Mysuru, June 12- K. Abdul Wahab (87), a retd. Railway employee and a resident of Lashkar Mohalla here, passed away at a private hospital yesterday following cardiac arrest. He leaves behind three daughters, two sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

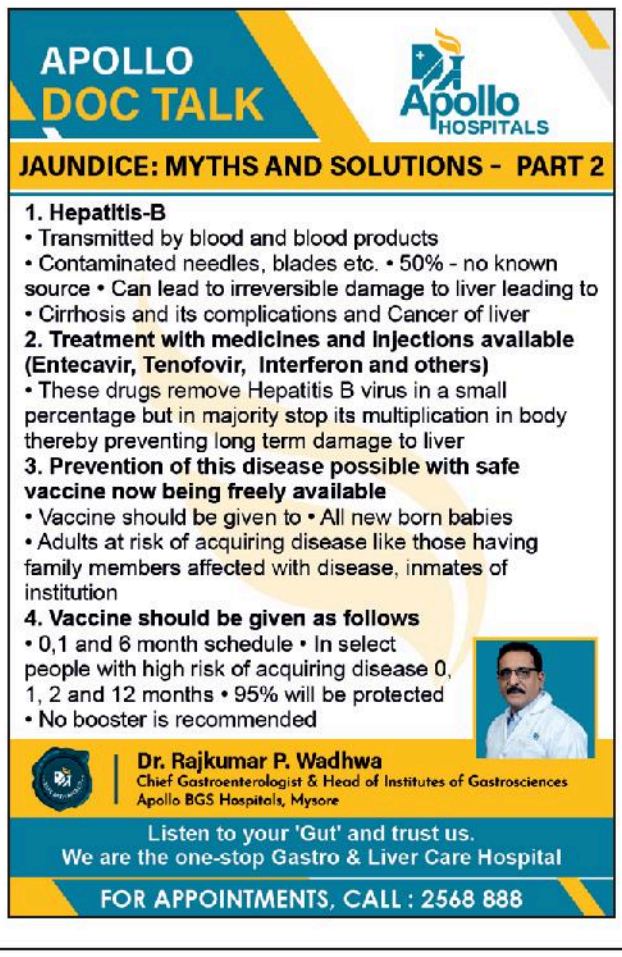
Funeral took place today.

Body of CAR Constable found in Varuna Lake

Mysuru, June 12 (RK&DM)- The body of a CAR Police Constable was found in Varuna Lake this morning. The body has been identified as that of Mohan Kumar (30), who was attached to Bomb Detection Squad of CAR.

It is not immediately known whether Mohan Kumar ended his life or died of accidental drowning, according to Mysuru South Police, who have registered a case in this regard.

Mohan Kumar's body will be handed over to his family members after post-mortem, it is learnt.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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public at large is hereby notified that our client is intending to purchase the residential site property bearing **No.638,** measuring East to West 12 Meters and North to South 9 Meters totally 108.00 Sq.Meters situated at Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Mysuru, which is morefully described in the schedule mentioned hereunder from one Mr. Balakrishna L.K., S/o L. Kempaiah, #905/152, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru. If any person/persons has/have any right title, interest or claim over the schedule property, they may lodge their claims/objections with the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of this notification with supporting documents, failing which, our client will take it for granted that there are no claims/objections over the schedule property and he will proceed with the matter. Any claims/objections received after the stipulated period of 7 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

The Site property bearing No. **638**, measuring East to West 12 Meters and North to South 9 Meters totally 108.00 Sq.Meters situated at Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Mysuru, bounded on the East by : Property No.616. West by : Road, North by : Property bearing No.637. South by : Property bearing No.639.

Sd/- B. PANEESH KUMAR
Advocate, #123, 11th Main, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-570 009. Mob: 94480 32020.

Place: Mysuru. Date: 05-06-2021.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Hootagalli Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (June 13) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Rane Madras, Varsha Cable, Theorem, Lunar Exports, Reckitt Benckiser and surrounding areas, according to a press release from EE, CESC, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Fair Price Shops must follow COVID guidelines: DC

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham has instructed all Fair Price Shop owners and card holders in the district to adhere to the following COVID-19 safety norms: Compulsorily wear masks and maintain social distance while getting the ration. Every Fair Price Shop must have sanitiser, soap and water facility must be available at the premises to wash hands. Groceries should be distributed only through Aadhaar OTP system.

Military Academy: Last date extended

Due to the pandemic, the last date for submission of applications for admission to Indian Military Academy has been extended to June 21. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2425240, according to a press release from the Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	82.54	feet
Yesterday	:	83.10	feet
Inflow	:	759	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,769	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,264.07	feet
Inflow	:	292	cusecs
Outflow	:	700	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,823.40	feet
Inflow	:	193	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Plans afoot to instal Oxygen Plant in Temple Town

The Temple Town of Karnataka, Nanjangud is known as 'Dakshina Kashi', thanks to the famous Sri Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple. During first wave of COVID, this town had reported the highest number of Corona positive cases due to infection spread from the employees of a pharma company. Now, this taluk is witnessing quite a number of positive cases and deaths. MLA B. Harshavardhan talks to *SOM* on COVID management.

By. Y.D. Shekar

MLA B. Harshavardhan

SOM: How has been the COVID management in your Constituency?

Harshavardhan: It has been good. Officers, volunteers, Anganwadi and ASHA workers are working day and night to make Nanjangud free from Corona.

SOM: What about the working style of Corona Warriors?

Harshavardhan: Anganwadi and ASHA workers are doing house-to-house survey. Frontline workers are doing good job. Rural population is unresponsive to questions on cough or fever. Without their co-operation it is not possible to defeat Corona. During a meeting of Mysuru District MLAs with the Chief Minister 15 days ago, I complained about salary not paid to ASHA and Anganwadi workers for last three months. The salary was released in three days. I had also suggested the Government to provide an incentive of Rs. 5 for each patient that the ASHA and Anganwadi workers bring to hospital or COVID Care Centre (CCC) for treatment.

SOM: Any special arrangements for COVID treatment?

Harshavardhan: During first wave last year, I fought with a local pharmaceutical company which had reported more positive cases and got 50,000 food kits. While 5,000 kits were given to Mysuru, the rest were distributed among my Constituency people. But, in second wave, patients were not getting beds or oxygen. Tahsildar was asked to get oxygen cylinders from industries. To make oxygen available all the time, I have appealed to industries to help setting up an Oxygen Plant instead of giving food kits. Search is on for land for the proposed Plant.

SOM: How is Task Force functioning?

Harshavardhan: At Gram Panchayat level, Task Force is managed well by GP President, Members and PDO. At hobli level, I am holding discussions on effectively checking the spread of Corona. Arrangements are made for vaccinating people, shifting infected to COVID Care Centres and arrangements are also in place to shift critical patients to Mysuru Hospitals in ambulance, if need arises.

SOM: What arrangements are made for people with other ailments?

Harshavardhan: Doctors are available to attend only patients with medical emergency. But, ventilators are not available. So, critical patients are sent to Mysuru.

SOM: Are officers supportive?

Harshavardhan: Town Municipal Council (TMC) President, Commissioner, Tahsildar, Taluk Executive Officer (EO), Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) and Police Inspectors are extending full co-operation. This has helped in reducing infection and death rate.

SOM: What is your role in Corona control?

Harshavardhan: My responsibility has increased as MLA. I am staying in my Constituency on all six days and visiting every COVID Care Centre. I am having food there. A sophisticated ambulance worth Rs. 65 lakh has been handed over to Taluk Administration. I am in favour of continuing lockdown but with some relaxation as its complete withdrawal may spike positive cases again.

SOM: What about District Administration's co-operation with Taluk Administration?

Harshavardhan: Earlier, it was missing. I had differences of opinion with DC Rohini Sindhuri. At that time, I had got oxygen cylinders from industries. The DC had asked me to arrange treatment for patients in Nanjangud without sending them to Mysuru. But, we didn't have specialised doctors. Connection to War Room was not available. This problem was not there when Abhiram G. Sankar was the DC. I am expecting reforms from the new DC, Dr. Bagadi Gautham.

SOM: How are you managing beds, ICU?

Harshavardhan: People with symptoms must go to hospitals to get tested and take treatment. Otherwise they will face shortage of bed, ICU beds and ventilators. We have only two oxygenated beds, which are reserved for Corona Warriors. So, others are sent to either Mysuru or Kadakola CCC.

SOM: What preventive steps are taken to check third wave?

Harshavardhan: It is possible to save children from being affected by third wave provided the Union Government vaccinate all children before December.

SOM: Is death rate under control in your Constituency?

Harshavardhan: It is slowly declining but positive cases are still high. So far, 28 people have died of Corona and each family has been given a compensation of Rs. 10,000 each from my side.

'I will continue to be CM for another 2 years'

Hassan, June 12 (UNI)- Karnataka Chief Minister and senior BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa on Friday ended frequent speculations about his continuance as the head of the BJP Government in the State, saying he will be the Chief Minister for the remaining period (two years) and there is no question of change.

Yediyurappa

Responding to a question by scribes here, Yediyurappa underlined that "I will remain as Chief Minister for another 2 years. There is no doubt about it. Yesterday, Party National General Secretary and in-charge of Party affairs in Karnataka Arun Singh has also made it clear about my continuation and hence the question of change does not arise."

"I will remain in the chair as long as party's senior leaders have confidence in me. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former BJP National Chief and Home Minister Amit Shah have confidence in me and I don't want to disappoint them. I will tour the State and work for the welfare of the people," he added.

A section of Legislators led by Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar and party Legislator Arvind Bellad travelled to Delhi last week with allegations of corruption against Yediyurappa, post which the CM said he is ready to resign if senior leaders of the party ask for it.

Hassan Airport construction will be taken up soon: BSY

Hassan, June 12 (UNI)- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) on Friday said the State Government will start the construction of the Hassan Airport soon.

Speaking to press persons at the helipad in Hassan, he said his Government would take up the project that former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda wanted. "We will discuss how to implement it and start the work soon," he said.

The Chief Minister visited Hassan to review COVID-19 situation in the district, where the positivity rate is high compared to several other districts in the State.

"I will review the situation and take up measures necessary to bring down the cases. Tomorrow, I will be reviewing the situation in Shivamogga," he said.

Reacting to JD(S) leader H.D. Revanna's comment that the State and Central Governments were responsible for COVID-19 deaths, the CM said he (Revanna) should not make such irresponsible statements.

MCC keeps migrants engaged with sports, yoga, music

Mysuru, June 12 (YDS, LNY& BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is adopting different ways and means to stop migrant workers presently lodged in shelter homes in city from leaving and keeping them free from stress and boredom by introducing them to yoga, sports, meditation and other recreational activities including music, dance, carom, paper-bag making, etc.

The initiative is part of the administration's efforts to provide some relief to these workers from other States, who are away from their families, besides providing them with food, daily use items and shelter as long as the lockdown is in force.

An elaborate shelter home has been established at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road and over 97 migrants, some with families, have been sheltered and provided food. Along with food, the MCC is adopting a strategy to keep them engaged by asking them to play outdoor games like cricket.

Most migrant workers and their families generally stay inside the Choultry the whole day and the authorities are trying to change that. As of now they play cricket in the afternoon and they are not allowed to go out. While the steps of the Choultry act as a spectator gallery-cum-pavilion, empty black water can kept on a stone serves as a wicket.

All precautions are taken while playing the game including social distancing and wearing of masks. While the game is on, the steps are occupied by the women and elderly, cheering their respective family member.

PAPER-BAG MAKING

The MCC has provided a bat and ball and from today, carom boards will be supplied here and also they will be trained in paper-bag making in coordination with HOPCOMS. "We are also planning entertainment activities such as dance and music," MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar told *Star of Mysore.*

The MCC had made arrangements for migrants to play and unwind last year too during the first wave. "They have no work now and their minds are idle. We want to break the monotony and keep them engaged within the boundary walls of the Choultry," Shashikumar said.

Soon after the lockdown was announced, a large section of migrant workers started marching out to go back to their native places. While many left, a large number stayed back, seeking shelter in government-run homes. "We have sent many to Bengaluru by arranging special buses and from there they caught trains to their native places in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal," Shashikumar said.

Migrant population stranded in front of temples, hospitals, bus stands and railway station have been brought and housed here. Also included in the group are workers from Chitradurga and Raichur. The migrants too have their own recreational activities to keep them slipping into depression. They are safe inside their shelter and their every need including essentials and healthcare services are taken care of.

HOME-CALLING

Some of them, however, had started to feel homesick and were showing signs of depression as they want to go back. "All facilities are good here. We haven't done anything wrong but still we are locked in. For how long can one remain here," said Deepak, a migrant from Uttar Pradesh.

Nodal Officer Dr. Bhyralingaiah said that industrialists have visited the Choultry and have informed that there is a requirement of 25 workers and the interested migrants will be sent as a workforce. This would help the migrants earn some money in this lockdown time, he added.

"We are trying to keep them engaged in different activities to bust stress, as well as help them utilise time. This will help them relax and not feel tempted to go back home. It is important to treat them with warmth and dignity," said a volunteer who distributes food and snacks supplied to the Choultry by Rotary.

Probe panel inspects land around Sa.Ra. Convention Hall

Officials inspecting and taking the measurement around the Sa. Ra. Convention Hall in Dattagalli yesterday.

Mysuru, June 12 (RK&BCT)- Revenue Department officials have begun investigation on Sa.Ra. Convention Hall at Dattagalli following the order issued by Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. G.C. Prakash.

The 11-member probe committee led by Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy and comprising members including Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith and Deputy Director of Land Records Prasad Kulkarni visited the convention hall yesterday along with certain land records officials to ascertain whether the Choultry has been built on *Raja Kaluve* (storm-water drain).

The Choultry is owned by JD(S) MLA from K.R. Nagar S.R. Mahesh (registered in the name of his wife Anitha Mahesh) who has landed in a controversy after former Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri said that the Convention Hall has been illegally built on the *Raja Kaluve* (Survey No. 130/3 Dattagalli) and it stands on Survey Number 123 that has been demarcated as Government Gomala land. A probe has been ordered against the illegality, she stated.

Apart from the Choultry, the IAS Officer said that illegalities have also been committed at Survey Number 124/2 at Lingambudhi village, Survey Number 115 at Kergalli village and Survey Number 123 at Dattagalli. These allegations have turned the heat on the MLA and the RC has ordered a physical survey of only the Choultry land — based on the MLA's memorandum to him — to find out if there are any violations.

Sites, vacant land measured

The investigating team conducted the survey of land especially the four corners of the compound of the Choultry and adjoining lands. The survey was conducted on the four-acre land where the huge Choultry stands. The sides of the Choultry, the vacant site near it were measured and surveyed and compared with the Revenue Department records and also with RTC and Aakaar Bandh (root land document), alienation documents and others.

Interestingly, Rohini Sindhuri has said that the root land document mentions that the Choultry stands on Gomala land and it cannot be a private property. There are no proper documents to establish that the Government land has been transferred to private parties and the land conversion has been made using fabricated and false records.

However, sources said that the investigating team found the passing of a *Raja Kaluve* on the vacant site next to the Choultry. The report will also ascertain whether the Choultry has been built on the buffer zone next to *Raja Kaluve*.

The survey will determine whether the Choultry has been constructed within the permissible area and if it conforms to the norms issued by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The officials will match the findings with Urban Property Ownership Record (UPOR) and also tally with previous records.

The Tahsildar will submit the survey report to the Assistant Commissioner, who will submit the same to Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham who will in turn forward the same to the RC on Monday.

Investigate disputed lands in all survey numbers: RTI activist

'Choultry stands on a residential area, nearby MUDA sites encroached'

Mysuru, June 12 (MTY&BCT)- RTI activist N. Gangaraju, based on whose complaint former Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri initiated investigations into land mafia, has demanded Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. G.C. Prakash to conduct a detailed probe into the disputed lands in all survey numbers including that of the land at Dattagalli where MLA S.R. Mahesh has built Sa.Ra Convention Hall.

Meeting the RC at his office yesterday, Gangaraju submitted a copy of RTC of 2.15 acres of land at Survey number 130/3 in Dattagalli where the MLA has built the Convention Hall. He alleged that the land — in the name of Anitha Mahesh, wife of Mahesh — has been converted only for residential purposes and the same is clearly mentioned in the RTC. But now the land is being used for commercial purposes, violating norms, he said.

Gangaraju's visit to the RC Office was acrimonious where the RC asked him not to dictate terms of investigation. Both exchanged heated words and Gangaraju stormed out of the RC's chamber demanding justice and threatening a hunger strike.

Later, speaking to reporters, he said, "Building licence and plan approval for the Choultry have not been taken from the competent authority and the sites developed in a MUDA Layout adjoining the Convention Hall too have been encroached by the MLA. Unfortunately, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh are aware of it but are keeping mum. What is their connection with the MLA? Are they hand-in-glove?" he questioned.

"The Choultry has been in violation of norms and the building must be demolished," he demanded, urging a fair investigation into all lands under survey numbers 98, 121,122, 123, 131, 132 and 133. There is no use in probing just the location of Convention Hall. All the survey numbers regarding which I have lodged complaints with Rohini Sindhuri have to be investigated," he added.

Meanwhile, Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju has asked for records from MUDA Commissioner regarding encroachment of Government Gomala land at Survey Number 69 at Yedahalli in Jayapura Hobli where a private residential layout is coming up.

The MUDA Commissioner has been directed to come with records to the AC's Office on June 15. RTI activist Gangaraju alleged that the residential layout is being developed after converting the Gomala lands at Survey Number 69 and 72 at Yedahalli.

Armchair warriors moving their arms !

Citizens e-mail PMO

New Delhi, June 12 (BCT)- The unceremonious and sudden transfer of Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri at a time when she was investigating murky land dealings by certain politicians has reportedly reached the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Several citizen activists in Mysuru and Bengaluru have written mails and letters to the PMO urging the high office to intervene. People have expressed their anguish over how the IAS Officer was treated as soon as she began her probe into illegal land deals that encroached vast swathes of Government land and public water bodies and how a conspiracy was hatched to shift the Officer from Mysuru.

The letter and the mails informed the PMO that how an result-oriented officer in the midst of fighting a COVID battle was shunted out of Mysuru, it is learnt. However, there has been no confirmation regarding the issue from the PMO so far.

Though the IAS Officer serves in States and the State Governments have the right to transfer the Officers, their administrative issues and career is looked after by the Centre.

Online campaign to reinstate Rohini Sindhuri as DC

Mysuru, June 12 (BCT)- An online campaign has been launched to bring back IAS Officer Rohini Sindhuri as Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mysuru. The campaign is directed to President Ram Nath Kovind seeking his intervention on the issue.

The petition has been launched recently on Change.org and over 29,500 people have signed the same till 12 noon today. It is, however, not clear from where the signatories are — whether from Mysuru or outside.

Her transfer has evoked strong responses on social media where it has been claimed that the 2009 batch Officer has been made a scapegoat to facilitate land mafia in Mysuru. The online petition says that the Officer was not given time to submit reports regarding the land scam by influential persons.

High Command will put an end to talks of change in guard: Minister Somanna

Mysuru, June 12 (PM&SSV)- Housing and Kodagu District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna said BJP High Command will put an end to demand from a section of Legislators for the change in guard in the State soon.

"Our national leaders are coming to Bengaluru in two or three days. They will put a full stop to talks of change in guard," he told media persons, after visiting Suttur Mutt and taking the blessings of the Seer, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, here this morning.

Taking a dig at those BJP Legislators who are seeking replacement for Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa with another leader, Somanna said those Legislators must understand that the party High Command was observing everything from Delhi. Each person has a kind of disease and likewise those MLAs too have the disease of seeking change in leadership.

"I don't know why Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar went to Delhi. I am using my knowledge on the portfolio given by the CM. You (media) ask him (Yogeeshwar) about his visits to the national capital."

On his visit to Kodagu, the Minister said, COVID situation was slowly improving in Kodagu district and the cases are expected to come down in the next four to five days. Upon his request, the State Government had extended lockdown in the Hilly district till June 21. Discussions are going on regarding monsoon preparedness and third wave of COVID pandemic.

Replying to a question, Somanna admitted that the first and the second wave of Corona had affected housing plans in the State. The Government had planned to build 10 lakh houses of which 2.7 lakh houses had been completed. The rest will be completed in the coming two years. Initially, they had planned to construct one lakh houses in Bengaluru but it has been revised to 70,000 houses.

The Union Government has released Rs. 270 crore towards various housing schemes. Not a single rupee given by Central Government has lapsed, he added.

CCB takes over probe

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Though Mandi Police Inspector Narayanaswamy had a tip off about the racket and raided the Lodge, the Inspector was charged with letting off the culprits who were caught red-handed during the raid, by merely recording their statements and not filing a case against them, despite having allegedly seized the fake answer scripts.

Following Somasundar's complaint, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta suspended Mandi Inspector Narayanaswamy.

The CCB will probe into every aspect of the case, such as how the blank answer sheets of B.Sc Chemistry exam of UoM came out into the open and who are all responsible for it, who took the responsibility for returning the blank answer sheets of absent students etc.

The CCB team will also probe whether the answer scripts found during the Police raid were fake or genuine and why the then Mandi Inspector let off the culprits without registering a case.

Sources in the CCB said that the team is right now gathering evidence in connection with Somasundar's complaint and the charges against those booked in the case including Mandi Inspector, a few staff and a couple of contract employees of UoM. All those found involved along with proof will be arrested and produced before a Magistrate, the sources added.

Meanwhile, the suspended Mandi Police Inspector Narayanaswamy, who was staying at a lodge near Banumaiah Chowk in the city since the past two years, is said to have hurriedly vacated the Lodge soon after his suspension order was issued by the City Police Commissioner.

Amidst all this, the University of Mysore probe team headed by the Registrar (Evaluation), too has intensified its probe into the fake answer script racket case. The team is said to have questioned the custodian, room supervisor and other University staff who were put incharge of the exam on the dates which B.Sc Chemistry exam was held.

KRS water level dips to 82 feet

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The reasons attributed to the water level reaching 82.54 ft. include searing summer heat in the Mysuru-Mandya-Chamarajanagar belt where the maximum temperature hovered beyond 35 degrees Celsius and also water that was released to Tamil Nadu from time to time. The reservoir reported full capacity in December last year and in January 2021, the level was recorded at 118 ft. From then, the levels gradually declined and now stand at 82.54 ft.

However, the officials from the Dam allay the fears of water shortage. "As per the forecast, there will be a good monsoon this year. As of now we cannot release water from the Dam for agricultural purposes and we have decided to wait till the monsoon picks up. If it starts raining heavily and there is a remarkable increase in inflow, we will stop the on-going works where the crest gates of the Dam are being replaced," Vijay Kumar, Superintending Engineer of KRS Dam told *Star of Mysore*.

General Secretary of District Raitha Sangha Manjesh Gowda said that most of the farmers in Mandya are in the midst of harvest season now and water will be required at the fields only after the end of June and first week of July. "If monsoon arrives on time and if water is released to canals, farmers can take up sowing activity and later paddy transplant. Officers must release water after transplanting as this is a critical time," he added.

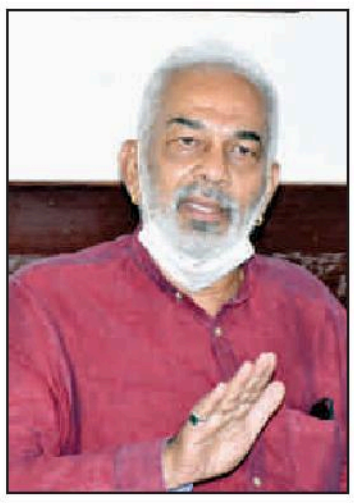
"Rohini Sindhuri is a publicity-seeker," claims Hassan BJP leader A. Manju

Mysuru, June 12 (MTY&DM)- Training his guns yet again on previous Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri, BJP leader from Hassan and former Minister A. Manju questioned Rohini why she failed to register even a single case when she was Mysuru DC against the land scams in Mysuru which she is alleging now.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur road this morning, Manju asserted that he was here not to speak on behalf of or against anyone, but only about the wrong steps and publicity seeking attitude of the previous Mysuru DC.

Reacting to BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath's remarks that political leaders from other districts, especially from Hassan, were speaking about Rohini after she took up investigation of alleged land scams in and around Mysuru, Manju said that he has come here to tell about the IAS Officer's (Rohini) other face.

Stating that the people of Mysuru have thought that Rohini is an honest and sincere officer, Manju claimed that it is not to be as she is more publicity-oriented rather than being practical.



A.Manju

Terming Rohini's contention that she was transferred out of Mysuru for unearthing the land scam as false, Manju wondered why the officer had not acted immediately against the land mafia alleged by her, as she had every power to act as the DC of Mysuru.

Citing an example, where Rohini as Hassan DC earlier had failed to even come out of her car when she visited a lake rejuvenation site, Manju maintained that such acts of Rohini casts doubts about her commitment for saving water bodies.

Claiming that he is for acting against land mafia anywhere in the State, Manju said that as BJP MLA from Arakalgud in 1999 and speaking at an Assembly session, he had demanded immediate action on T.M. Vijaya Bhaskar's Report on Government land encroachment in Mysuru and surrounding areas.

Arguing that action on the recommendations of all Government constituted committees should be taken as and when the reports are submitted to the Governments that are in power at that point of time, the BJP leader said that the ongoing land rows, not only in Mysuru, but also elsewhere in the State, are the result of prolonged inaction by the Government.

Coming back to MLC Vishwanath's remarks that a leader from Hassan had commented on Rohini Sindhuri in Mysuru, Manju said that it is unfortunate that Vishwanath made a reference to him. Recalling that he, Vishwanath and MP Sreenivasa Prasad grew up in politics together in the Youth Congress decades ago, he said that perhaps Vishwanath may have forgotten this.

'Save Mysuru from land-grabbers'

Mysuru, June 12 (MTY&SSV)- Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike will launch 'Save Mysuru from land-grabbers' campaign soon.

Addressing a press meet here this morning, K.S. Shivaramu, President of the Vedike, said there has been war of words between the elected representatives and the officers over the encroachment of Government land in and around the city.

Allegations of land-grabbing have been made against the elected reps that need to be probed impartially. The probe by Regional Commissioner was nothing but an eyewash as powerful politicians will use their influence to get the inquiry report in their favour.

K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh, who has been accused of building the Convention Hall on *Raja Kaluve,* claims that his property has been in his wife's name. In that case, the MLA must tell people the sources of income of his wife. In fact, the area on which the Hall had been constructed was identified for of residential sites. But, the MLA used his influence to get the land converted into commercial purpose. "I demand the State Government to order an inquiry and punish those land-grabbers no matter which political party they belonged to," he said.

Are we heading for a COVID 3rd wave ?

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COVID-19 has affected India severely. The magnitude of the second wave caught everybody by surprise and was more like a tsunami sweeping across. The vastness of the country makes us to have multiple peaks at different time periods and different regions. It appears like we are seeing a downward spiral of the COVID second wave.

Dr. Ravindranath

As we enter an important phase in this pandemic we should put in place strategies to prevent/minimise a third wave in our country. It is noticeably clear that a people-centric and people-endorsed public health measures along with massive vaccination drive would go a long way in preventing or mitigating future waves. Patience and adherence to these basic principles are a necessity. If all of us unite and follow the guidelines we can "defeat COVID."

Why do COVID variants happen ?

The survival instinct inherent in all forms of life on the planet makes it imperative for us to keep changing (mutate); the virus is no different. It keeps on mutating and what do we have with us — branded variants which are > 50% more infectious (transmissibility). The virus mutates rapidly about twice in a month. But when the mutating virus has genetic sequence change, it is called a variant. The only way to reduce opportunity for new variants to increase either transmission or serious illness is to cut the chain of viral transmission.

The WHO terms these variants as: **1.** Variant of Interest (strains with resistance to treatment), **2.** Variant of Concern (strains with increased transmissibility and severe infection), **3.** Variant of High Consequence (strains which are becoming resistant to medical measures).

The variants recognised and devastating now are the ones linked to increased infectivity and re-infection, that is, UK variant (B.1.1.7), Brazil variant/Japan (P.1), South African variant (B.1.351), Indian variant (B.1.617 — 1,2,3 strains). There are many more like the California variant (B.1.427 & 429) etc. All variants recognised so far are Variants of Interest or Concern and no variant so far is classified as of High Consequence.

Why do waves occur?

The well-known reason for multiple waves is the mutation in the virus and the variant it generates. The variants become significant and of concern when the virulence increases. There are numerous mutations happening all the time but only a few become dangerous. This affects scores of people increasing the mortality and morbidity.

Are there lessons from past pandemics?

Definitely yes. The Influenza pandemic of 1889-92, the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-19 and the Influenza pandemic of 2009, all had minimum 3 waves and some 4. The first wave affected the most vulnerable. The second wave was deadly and affected the younger adults. The third wave affected the rest of the populace and children but of lesser intensity. The "pandemic fatigue" and "complacency" to follow socially acceptable COVID-appropriate behaviour (social vaccine) were the reasons for the deadly waves then and probably now as well.

The history of pandemics is replete with data on spread, misery and deaths. They all had 3 or 4 waves and behave in a predictable pattern. The Spanish Flu has a lot of parallels with COVID-19. So, we may expect another wave but if we are prepared, we can prevent or reduce the intensity. More importantly we can augment the system and be ready to tackle it effectively.

What can we do?

Avoiding or reducing the impact of a COVID 3rd wave needs a multi-pronged approach.

1. Vaccination

The vaccine is the most potent tool against COVID-19. Relying on vaccines is the most rational way to prevent the 3rd wave and indeed further waves. Vaccines are injections of hope and the way out of the pandemic. There are many challenges now including free availability. The administration is working on scaling up production, importing WHO approved vaccines, re-purposing existing vaccine producers, licensing new units etc. We have the experience and expertise to vaccinate at rapid pace and cover everybody; if all this happens in coming months it would help defer the next wave.

It is a collective responsibility to create awareness of the benefits of vaccination and eliminate misinformation. Steadily reduce the vaccine hesitancy. Ramp up the rhetoric of how vaccination protects people from serious COVID disease or prevent ICU necessity and death. Of course, the long-term goal of a vaccination programme would be to get rid of lockdowns, social distancing measures and the COVID virus. All vaccinations give you immunity and protection for sure but the efficacy varies a bit. So, accept whatever vaccine is on offer at present.

The other concern is about the side-effects or adverse reactions of the vaccines. It is rare (reported incidence is around 1 in 1 million vaccinations) and so should not be an issue. Booster vaccine shots may be on the horizon to keep the virus at bay when it becomes endemic.

2. Public health measures

These are proven methods that help prevent transmission of the virus. They are like social vaccine and necessary before and even after vaccinations. This has been repeatedly stressed but unfortunately the compliance is low. The 4 important measures all of us know are:

- Wearing a mask outside definitely and at home if there are COVID-19 patients in isolation, suspected or quarantined. The mask should cover the nose and the mouth.
- Maintaining a social distance of 2 meters always (when shopping, in offices etc.). This again is seldom practiced both in urban and rural areas despite us knowing that it is essential. This requires a conscious social behavioral change for many of us.
- Hand hygiene: Frequent washing with soap (6 to 8 times at least) or sanitisers.
- Avoid gatherings or even better, is to stay at home.

3. Health infrastructure

The second wave has given us insights into various challenges. Now is the time to plan adequately and put things in perspective be it equipment, human resource, other medical resource like medications and oxygen. Review the guidelines and constantly update it. Maintain uniformity and implement rigorously. Plan also for child specific care. The long-term goal should be to augment and strengthen healthcare services.

4. Testing

Ramp up testing, tracing and isolation. A successful containment strategy is to constantly scale up and increase the coverage. To prevent a 3rd wave, the case positivity rate needs to be brought down in the districts to less than 5% and less than 1% in the villages.

5. Avoid Fatigue & Complacency

Let us resolve to follow the protocols and guidelines advised by the Government. Beware of complacency and the disastrous consequences from it and the avoidable suffering. Let us adhere to the basics for a while longer or until majority (80%) are vaccinated. Stopping COVID-19 is in our hands. Let's do it.

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Union Health Minister cautions people against any complacency in adhering to COVID-appropriate behaviour

New Delhi, June 12 (UNI)- Stating that the sacrifice of so many Corona Warriors should not go in vain, Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Friday cautioned people against any complacency in adhering to COVID-appropriate behaviour.

It was stated by the Union Minister after inaugurating the newly revamped Hardayal Municipal Heritage Public Library in Chandni Chowk, here. He dedicated the library that houses an enormous collection of rare books to the entire nation, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said in a statement.

He said the country's steadily declining active COVID-19 cases, a trend sustained for 28 days and less than 1 lakh cases for the 4th day today, have allowed a sliver of opportunity to him to be with the people of his Constituency physically.

Strongly advising adherence to COVID-appropriate behaviour to everybody present on the occasion, he said the decrease in cases should never inculcate a sense of complacency among the public.

He noted, "This behavioural pattern of putting masks on and off intermittently, improper wearing of masks and not following the strict COVID norms contributed to the second wave of COVID."

"When many of our doctors and nurses became Corona Warriors in an act of self-sacrifice to protect us, with many of them eventually succumbing to COVID, it is our moral duty to do the maximum to support them. The laxity in COVID-appropriate behaviour hurts the *Pavitra Smriti* of the fallen," he said.

Kodagu District Administration to vaccinate coffee estate workers soon

Madikeri, June 12 (UNI)- Coffee estate workers in Kodagu will soon get a respite against COVID-19, with officials planning to launch a vaccination campaign in plantations to make coffee lands safe from the pandemic.

BJP MLA K.G. Bopaiah advised plantation owners not to utilise workers returning from COVID-19 Care Centres for work in the estates immediately. They should be kept in quarantine for at least a week before reappointment.

"The owners should follow the guidelines and ensure control of the infection. Prioritise saving life and health. Essential work in the estates can be done using locally available workers," he said at a growers' meeting in Madikeri on Friday

Associations of various coffee growers in Kodagu have pledged support to the District Administration to make Kodagu COVID-19 free, even as the lockdown in the coffee land is extended till June 21 based on its positivity rate. The producers have resolved not to bring workers from other places for work in the estates of Kodagu till June 21. It was decided to use locally available workers.

Bopaiah, who presided over the meeting, said that COVID is coming under control in Kodagu. However, infection has been reported in workers coming here for work. "Property owners should avoid bringing workers from elsewhere for the time being. This measure can help us fight the pandemic," he observed and warned of confiscation of vehicles carrying workers from other places.

The growers urged the MLA to take a delegation to New Delhi after lockdown ends, to highlight the plight of coffee growers and the difficulties being faced.

Child trade deal turns sour; racket busted

Case booked against biological mother, broker and couple at H.D. Kote Police Station

H.D. Kote, June 12 (Manju& BCT)- A child purchase deal turned sour in H.D. Kote and the issue has reached the Police Station. Now a case has been registered against the perpetrators of the crime. Legally, only CARA (Central Adoption Resource Authority), an autonomous and statutory body of Ministry of Women and Child Development is authorised for child adoption in India and it is illegal to trade children in any manner.

One such deal took place in H.D. Kote seven months back where a couple 'purchased' a three-day-old baby from a woman in Bengaluru. However, the secret deal came to light after the original mother demanded more money from the adopted parents and the latter approached the Police.

The adopted parents of the child belong to the nomadic Hakki Pikki community (name withheld). The child was 'bought' by them from a woman in Bengaluru (name withheld) who is a dealer of herbal and traditional medicines.

The woman met the couple virtually during an online sale and the couple told the woman that they had no children. The woman, while selling her products, built cordiality with the couple and told them that she was pregnant and would give them her baby if it was a boy. The deal was struck for 1.5 lakh, seven months before delivery.

An elated couple from H.D. Kote agreed to the deal and after the child was born, paid the money and took the three-day-old child home. The deal was stuck through a broker who is a resident of H.D. Kote. However, the biological mother approached the Hunsur Police soon after giving away the child and demanded the child back.

But the biological mother again gave back the baby to the childless couple in H.D. Kote within 10 days. Interestingly, the Hunsur Police did not book a case despite knowing that it is an illegal trade and child adoption without CARA's consent is not allowed and is punishable.

The natural mother repeatedly approached the couple for more money and fed up with this, the couple approached the H.D. Kote Police when the incident of the illegal trade came to light. However, the couple refused to give custody on the grounds that they had 'purchased' the baby for Rs. 1.5 lakh.

The couple also claimed that they were bringing up the baby as their own and even the child had got adjusted to them.

As it is an illegal trade, the child was rescued and has been handed over to Child Welfare Committee, Mysuru and at present, the baby has been given to an adoption centre in Mandya. Based on the complaint filed by Child Development Project Officer Asha, a case has been booked against the natural mother, broker and also the couple who had the passion of the baby.

DC makes surprise visit to Hunsur, Periyapatna taluks; reviews COVID situation

Hunsur/ Periyapatna, June 12 (KK, Veeresh & SSV)- First time after assuming office, DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham paid a surprise visit to various COVID Care Centres (CCCs) and Taluk General Hospitals in Hunsur and Periyapatna taluks yesterday and reviewed its functioning.

In Hunsur, he said that the Taluk Administration has been able to control Corona thanks to preventive measures and wanted it to continue the same way in future too. All Legislators and officers were striving to bring down Corona cases in their respective constituencies. Lockdown has been extended up to June 21 with 4 hours relaxation from 6 am to 10 am to buy essentials. Every citizen must follow guidelines for safety of all, he added.

MLA H.P. Manjunath wanted immediate appointment of Nurses and also the supply of medical equipment to Taluk Hospital. Local Cops must take action on those who move on streets after 10 am without any reasons.

Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Veena, Tahsildar Basavaraj, Executive Officer (EO) Girish, Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Keerthikumar, Hospital Administrative Officer Dr. Sarvesh Raj Urs, Dr. Umesh and others were present.

Periyapatna visit

In Periyapatna, the DC made a surprise visit to Taluk Hospital and collected information from Hospital Medical Officer Srinivas and Taluk Administrative Officer Dr. Sharath, regarding the line of treatment for Corona patients.

Later, he visited Chenna Kallukaval Primary Health Centre and spoke to ASHA and Anganwadi workers. Upon informing him about the shortage of four lab technicians at Taluk Hospital, the DC promised to attend it on priority. He directed local Medical Officer to increase RT-PCR testing.

Dr. Gautham said that he had collected information regarding requirements for Taluk Hospital and it will be provided at the earliest.

MLA K. Mahadev, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, ADC Dr. B.S. Manjunathswamy, Tahsildar Chandramouli and EO Krishnakumar were present.

Milk adulteration scam

Co-operation Minister visits ManMUL dairy

Mandya, June 12- With the milk adulteration scam coming to light at ManMUL(Mandya Milk Union Limited), Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar visited ManMUL Dairy at Gejjalagere near Maddur on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway on Thursday.

Later speaking to press persons, Somashekar said that six officials of ManMUL have been suspended after charges against them were found *prima facie* true.

Pointing out that the Secretary of the Co-operation Department has submitted a preliminary report to the Chief Minister regarding the scam, he said that apart from the suspension of 6 officials, the Manager has been transferred and a new MD has been appointed.

Maintaining that all others involved, whether directly or indirectly, will be identified in a few days, the Minister said as per his information, 5-6 milk tankers operated with a single token number and this has resulted in huge losses.

Asserting that the farmers must not be cheated with such kind of acts, he said that it is important to note here that Mysuru's MyMUL is one of the outstanding dairies in the country outside Gujarat.

KMF MD B.C. Satish, DCC Bank President Umesh, ManMUL President Ramachandra, Vice-President Raghunandan, BJP leader Siddaramaiah and others were present.

ManMUL Founder-President demands NDDB probe

Mandya, June 12 (MR&DM)- Founder President of ManMUL Narasimhegowda has demanded a **NDDB (National Dairy Development Board)** probe into the milk adulteration scam that was unearthed recently, where milk was mixed with equal quantity of water during transportation.

Addressing a press meet at Mandya on Wednesday, Narasimhegowda said that the adulteration of milk has caused huge losses both to the Milk Body and consumers. Alleging that officials were hand-in-glove with scamsters, he accused the route officials of not checking the quality and fat content of milk while being transported from BMCs (Bulk Milk Centres) to the Dairy.

Charging top officials of failing in discharging their duties and acting irresponsibly, Narasimhegowda said that only an NDDB probe can go deep into the scam. He also demanded expedition of the works on Mega Dairy Project, which is getting unduly delayed.

Stating that a memorandum has been submitted to NDDB, the Chief Minister, the Co-operation Minister and Animal Husbandry Minister seeking a thorough probe into the scam, he warned of staging massive protests if the culprits are not brought to book.

Senior Co-operators Chandupura Papanna, Puttaswamy, Thammayyanna, H.T. Krishnegowda, H. Siddaiah, Keelara Krishna, Kowdle Channappa and others were present.

State will receive adequate vaccine in two days: CM

Shikaripura, June 12 (UNI)- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Friday stated that Karnataka would receive an adequate number of Covid-19 vaccines in two days so that eligible beneficiaries can take the vaccine.

Speaking at the Tri-monthly Karnataka Development Programme (KDP)meeting here, he said that Deputy Commissioners have been directed to take all possible measures to reduce the positivity rate to 5 percent. The officials concerned must take all measures to reduce the number of Covid-19 cases in the district.

He said the Government is transferring financial aid directly to bank accounts of beneficiaries who are in crisis due to a lockdown enforced to contain the spread of Covid-19. But banks should not use lockdown compensation towards loan dues under any circumstance, he stated.

WORD OF THE DAY

Bumptious

Pronunciation: BUMP-shus.
Meaning: Presumptuously, obtusely and often noisily self-assertive : obtrusive.
Origin: While we've uncovered evidence dating bumptious to the beginning of the 19th century, the word was uncommon enough decades later that Edward Bulwer-Lytton included the following in his 1850 My Novel: "'She holds her head higher, I think,' said the landlord, smiling. 'She was always—not exactly proud like, but what I calls Bumptious.' 'I never heard that word before,' said the parson, laying down his knife and fork. 'Bumptious indeed, though I believe it is not in the dictionary, has crept into familiar parlance, especially amongst young folks at school and college.'" The word is, of course, now in "the dictionary"; ours notes that it comes from the noun bump and the -tious of fractious.
Example: "The brash, bumptious New Yorkers I'd encountered in college had assured me that everything in New York was 'the best.'" — Herbert Buchsbaum, The New York Times, 19 Jan. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Balisaur

Long-tailed badger.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Baby boomer

Meaning: A person born during the temporary peak in the birth-rate that occurred in several countries following WWII, notably the USA and the UK.
Origin: A 'baby boom' was reported in various newspapers in England in the 1920s; for example, this piece, reprinted in The Coshocton Tribune, April 1920:
There is a 'baby boom' in London. Births during the first six months of this year have broken all records. 'The Baby Boom' - as opposed to 'a baby boom', refers to the increase in population in the countries that were victorious in WWII. The period is generally regarded as beginning in 1946 and ending in the mid-1960s. There are citations of the term being used in the USA prior to or very early in WWII. At first sight these tend to contradict the view that it referred to the increase in the birth-rate due to the war.
Logic would suggest that any baby boom couldn't begin until at least nine months after war had become inevitable and the USA had declared itself neutral in 1939. Those 1939/40 references to a 'baby boom' don't relate to a boom in the number of babies though, but to a small boom in the stock market. This growth in the economy was caused by an upsurge in manufacturing resulting from increased trade with Europe due to WWII.

QUOTE BOX

Believe you can and you're halfway there.—**Theodore Roosevelt**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Short and to the point.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Playback singer Arun
4 Nav. readings
8 Bumped into
11 Major ref. work
12 Alert and heedful
14 Rajasthan's Mount ___
15 Letter before psi
16 Proportion
17 Slow run
18 Fussy one
20 Gas used in advertising?
22 Like a black wood
24 Bee farm
26 "__ _ Small World" (3,1)
27 Indian rice dish
28 Take to court
29 Radioactive inert gas
30 Former French coin of very little value
33 Item of manchester
34 Sign of boredom
35 Beyond
37 Hurried or raced
38 Proper or prissy
39 A herb
41 Tarzan's friend?
42 Multiply
45 Integrated Modular Avionics
48 Uber competitor
49 Fusillade or broadside - "ovals" anagram?
50 Not, as a prefix?
51 Workout or exercise place, in short
52 German name - "Mile" anagram?
53 Empty space

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	M	A			A	G	A		P	E	R	E
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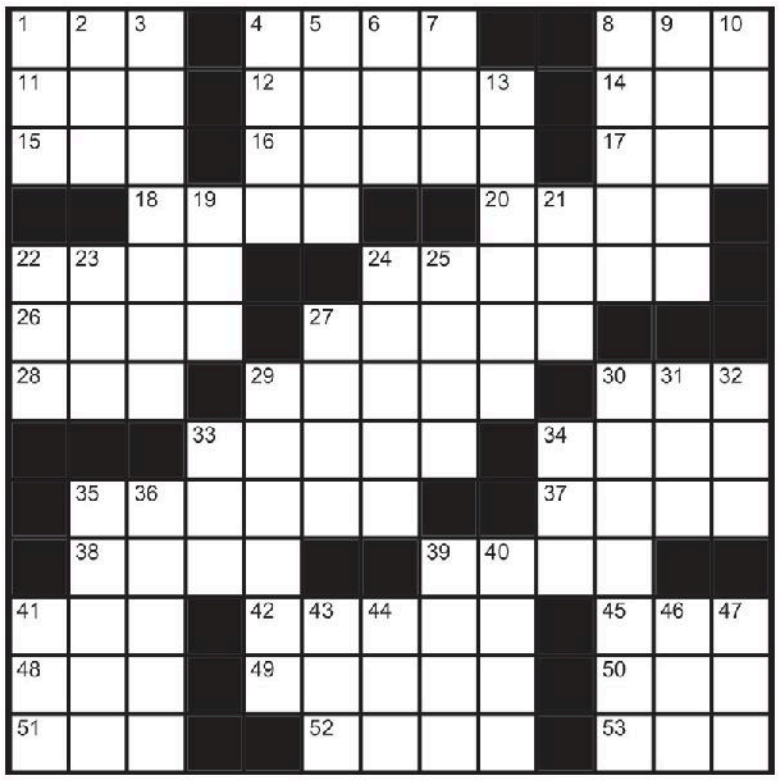
DOWN
1 Summer and Winter Games org.
2 J&K district
3 Fatty
4 Indian garment
5 The burglar's loot
6 ___ one's heart out : grieve continuously?
7 Snow-country footwear
8 Army officer?
9 Black wood
10 Pull at the towing vessel
13 "One in a" movement that's everlasting!
19 Genetic initials
21 Water in France
22 Electronic Instrument Sys.
23 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
24 Assistants or helpers
25 Conspiracy
27 Leander ____ : India's tennis star ?
29 Geometric figures of sorts?
30 Young tree?
31 Be in debt
32 And for the German
33 Asian honorific
34 Designer's monogram
35 Entreat or solicit
36 Dairy product
39 Indian goddess or Indian maiden
40 Graven image
41 Aircraft-On-Ground
43 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
44 Shade tree
46 An extinct flightless bird
47 Actual Navigation Performance



SUDOKU

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9		4				8		5
5				6				8
			1		3			
7				5				3
4		1				7		6
			9		6			
2		6		7		5		1

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	9	7	5	8	3	6	1
5	7	6	2	1	3	8	4	9
8	1	3	4	6	9	2	7	5
9	5	1	8	7	2	4	3	6
7	3	2	9	4	6	5	1	8
4	6	8	1	3	5	7	9	2
1	8	4	5	9	7	6	2	3
3	9	5	6	2	4	1	8	7
6	2	7	3	8	1	9	5	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

R'A VOFUBV MTVW MRFU ITPBTCB MUT'I ETTA

OF FUBRV ZTH HYF ATBIC'F XRWB PB, FUOC

ITPBTCB MUT XRWBI PB HYF RI O CRCCN.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome.

Judges donate groceries and medicines to city orphanages

Mysuru, June 12 - City Judges, under the leadership of Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar donated groceries and medicines to three orphanages on Thursday.

Groceries including 8 quintal rice, pulses and grams as well as medicines were donated to Mother Teresa Seva Kendra at Bannimantap, Chayadevi Seva Samsthe at Jayanagar and Ashodayaka Seva Samsthe at BM Sri Nagar.

Judges also distributed two quintal rice to sanitation workers of City Courts, according to a press release from the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhoote.

Kadakola Industrialists Association hands over medical equipment to Varuna MLA

Mysuru, June 12 (RKB&SD) - Kadakola Industrialists Association donated medical equipment and medicines worth Rs. 3 lakh for use in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and COVID Care Centres of Varuna Constituency on Thursday.

Honorary President of the Association, H. Ramakrishnegowda and other office-bearers of the Association handed over the medical equipment and medications including PPE kits, masks, sanitisers, medicines and oximeters to Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Yathindra lauded the Association's efforts to provide medical assistance and support by donating these medical supplies.

Ramakrishnegowda, who addressed the gathering, stated that over the last two years most of the industries were having a tough time due to the pandemic, but it is the responsibility of industrialists to help people in distress. As a result, 15 industrial units of Kadakola have come together to donate medical equipment and medicines worth Rs. 3 lakh to PHCs and COVID Care Centres of Varuna Constituency, he added.

Vaccination drive for Rotarians

More than 125 members of various Rotary Clubs and their family members were vaccinated against COVID-19 at the vaccination drive held at Apollo BGS Hospitals in city on Thursday. Dr. Rajkumar Wadhwa, Rotary Club of Mysore West President Rtn. M.D. Raghavendra Prasad, Secretary Rtn. D.K. Dinesh Kumar, Dr. B. Chandra and others were present.

Factories, organisations lend helping hand

Asian Paints donated BiPAP Machines worth Rs. 9 lakh to the District Administration, which was received by District Minister S.T. Somashekar at Government Guest House here yesterday. Factory Head Kamal Chouda, Senior Manager Rajesh, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others were present.

Nestle India Ltd. in Nanjangud donated 1,000 oximeters, 1,000 face masks and 1,000 sanitiser bottles to the Mysuru District Administration. The donations were received by Minister S.T. Somashekar in city yesterday. Nestle India Ltd. Managing Director Toigren, MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and others were present.

Samadrushti Kshmatavikasa mathu Anusandhana Mandala distributed grocery kits to about 40 physically challenged persons at an event organised at Madhava Krupa in city yesterday. Also, groceries were delivered to those in city who could not attend the event. The Mandala has provided financial assistance for medical treatment. Mandala Secretary G. Arunachala Sharma, Treasurer Jayaram, Swadeshi Jagaran Manch Convenor N.R. Manjunath and others were present.

Mysore District Photographers and Videographers Association distributed groceries to needy association members recently. The kits were distributed by MP Pratap Simha and former MLA M.K. Somashekar. ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi, Association President Dadadalli Mahesh, members Sudarshan, Manjunath and donors were present.

Vaccination for street vendors and specially-abled from June 16 to 20

Mysuru, June 12 (MTY&DM)- As part of its battle against the deadly COVID pandemic, the MCC will vaccinate all street vendors and specially-abled persons, who have registered with it.

Announcing this yesterday, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy said that registered street vendors will be vaccinated from June 16 to 20 at Town Hall, while the specially-abled will be vaccinated from June 17 to 19 at the School for the Blind at Tilaknagar in city.

The vaccination will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on all the said days, he said.

The eligible street vendors are required to bring their Aadhaar card, registration card, vendor certificate etc., while the specially-abled are required to carry their Aadhaar and the identity card issued by the Disabled Welfare Department.

The MCC will be deploying vehicles for ferrying the vaccine beneficiaries from near their homes to the vaccination centres. Street vendors and the disabled living in MCC Zones-1 and 9 limits can call Mob: 98443-16512, Zone-2 limits: 94815 - 15527, Zone-3: 98860-41972, Zones 4 and 5: 94491-24422, Zone-6: 97401-29562, Zones 7 and 8: 99726-34378.

Nominated as Music Varsity Syndicate Member

Prof. Shivalingaiah

Mysuru, June 12- University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman has nominated Prof. D. Shivalingaiah as UGC-nominated Syndicate Member of Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, according to a release from Music Varsity Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote.

Prof. Shivalingaiah had earlier served as the Registrar (Evaluation) at Mangalore University, six years as the Registrar (Administration) at Tumkur University and the Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for three-and-a-half years.

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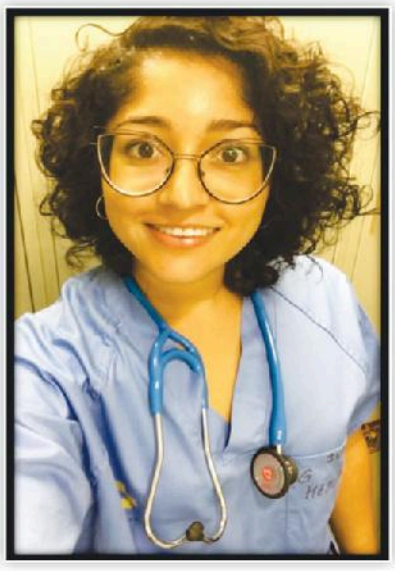

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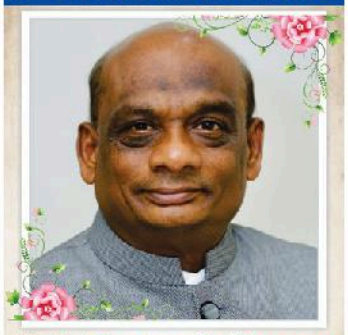

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